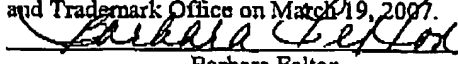


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.135(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the non-final Office Action dated October 18, 2006, please amend the subject application as follows:

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